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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 22, 2002 (Paper Number 6) in connection with the above-identified application. Although Applicants are responding in writing to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Moran for her assistance in exploring the possibility of conducting an interview in the above-identified application regarding the examination of the claims with respect to more than a single sequence as discussed in the remarks below. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group VII without traverse but provisionally elect the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12600 with traverse. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12 and 31 as follows. Please add new claims 45 - 99.

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